

GOOD PRACTICE



- Please leave rubbish in the bins provided
- Walk on the marked paths
- Please respect private property
- Please avoid making noise



- The capture of animals is not permitted
- Starting fires is strictly forbidden
- Plant collecting is not allowed

Emergency phone: 112

GRANADA

PARQUE NATURAL
Sierra de Huétor

MORE INFORMATION

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Itinerario
de las Trincheras



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OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROTECTION



ROUTE

Circular

LENGTH

22,4 km

ESTIMATED TIME

9 hours

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

TYPE OF TRAIL

Road, forest paths and track

LANDSCAPE / VEGETATION

Reforested pine groves and, to a lesser extent, Portuguese oak groves and oak and maple patches. Areas of creeping shrubland in the most degraded areas, also thyme and gorse thickets and, at higher altitudes, cushion scrub. Panoramic views over walls and karstic formations, over the park's forests, the surrounding sierras and the fertile plains of Granada.

SHADE

Frequent

SPECIAL AUTHORISATION

Not required

RECOMMENDATIONS

Carry drinking water and sunscreen and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

PROVINCE / MUNICIPALITIES

Granada / Alfacar, Nivar, Viznar

SHEETS OF MTN MAP 1:50.000

1009, 1010

START / END COORDINATES

37° 14' 17" N, 3° 31' 58" W



HOW TO GET THERE

This trail begins in front of the lower car park of the Puerto Lobo visitor centre, which can be reached from the A-92 motorway at the El Fargue - Granada East exit. From there, take the A-4002 towards El Fargue- Granada Este and then the GR-3101 towards Viznar until you reach the installation.



PARKING

Next to the Puerto Lobo Visitor Centre, there is a car park close to the start of the trail.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

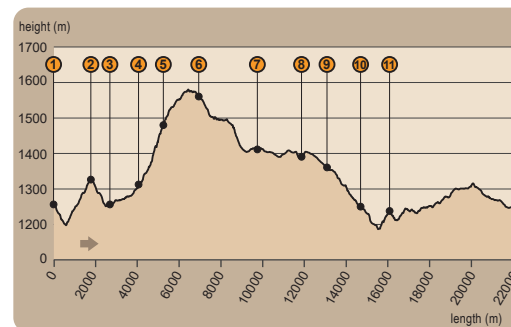
The trailhead cannot be reached by bus. Transport is provided by the Metropolitan Transport Consortium of the Granada Area (tel. 955 038 665). And the main operator in the area is the company Carlos Fernández de la Torre (tel. 958 54 30 76).



OTHER TRAILS

The natural park includes other trails, duly signaled. Among the closest are the trails of Cerro del Maúllo, Barranco de Viznar, Puerto Alfacar-Alfaguara, Puerto Lobo al Sotillo, Cruz de Viznar, Cañada del Sereno, Botánico La Alfaguara and Cueva del Agua.

PROFILE OF ROUTE



MAXIMUM GRADIENT

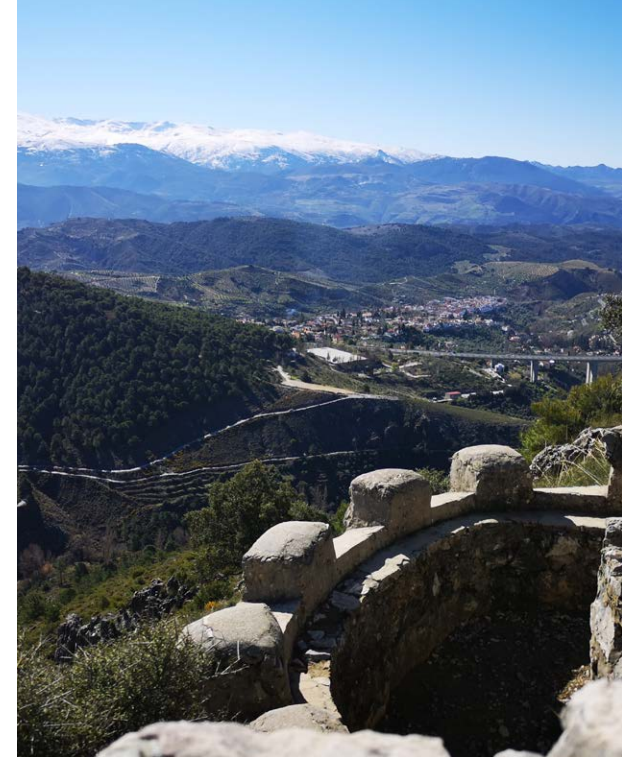
395 m

MAXIMUM HEIGHT

1581 m

MINIMUM HEIGHT

1186 m



THE TRENCHES OF THE SIERRA DE HUÉTOR

At the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939), Granada was soon split into the two side. The hills marked the frontline, with the hilltops being used as vantage points and the relief was used as a defensive advantage. The frontline started at the Motril pass and, passing through the Pico de la Veleta summit, crossed part of the Sierra Nevada, the Sierra de Quéntar and the Sierra de Huétor mountain ranges and continued along the hills until it reached the province of Jaén. The north-eastern frontline of the province of Granada was established in the Sierra de Huétor. In this privileged location, criss-crossed by narrow ravines, steep valleys and steep cliffs, and with mountaintops almost 2,000 metres high, communication routes, trenches and watchtowers were built to dominate the entire plain of Granada. Today, long after the war and its pain and sorrow, these ancient battlefields are part of our historical and cultural heritage, and allow you to enjoy significant and privileged panoramic views over the landscape and over our history.



Itinerario de las Trincheras

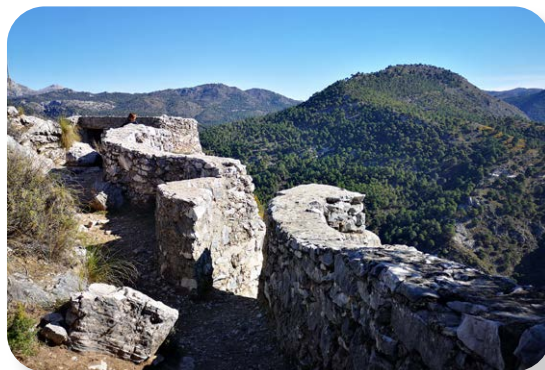
The intricate limestone formation of the hills of Sierra de Huétor are dotted by series of stone and mortar trenches resembling balconies, that blend perfectly in with their surroundings. Those trenches were built during the Spanish Civil War and constituted the north-eastern frontline of Granada. Nationalists and Republicans took advantage of the rugged landscape to establish their watchtowers over the plain of Granada. This itinerary uses different paths and forest tracks to lead us, among riverside forests, reforestation pine forests, Spanish firs and cedars, to four of the trenches within this extensive defensive network that ply the park. Long after the war and its pain and sorrow, these ancient battlefields will allow you to enjoy significant and privileged panoramic views over the landscape and over our history.

This trail visits the trenches of El Maúllo, Sierra de la Yedra, Llanos del Fraile and Las Veguillas are the trenches that we are going to visit; but they are not the only landmarks the Sierra de Huétor that you'll visit in this trail. We will pass near the Cruz de Vínzar cross, the Cueva del Aguacave, the botanical garden of the Alfaguara and, between the municipal boundaries of Huétor Santillán and Alfacar, the Fuente de la Teja spring, where the river "gold-giving river", the Darro, has its source.

Echoes of war

The path starts [1] next to the Puerto Lobo Visitor Centre, along a dirt track that descends through a pine forest. This first section coincides with the Cerro del Maúllo trail. The first section is a steep descent that becomes an even steeper ascent, which rewards us with spectacular views over the rugged outlines of the mountain ranges of Majalijar, Sierra Nevada, Sierra Tejeda and, as the trail approaches the summit, Sierra Elvira, Huétor Santillán, and the fertile plain of Granada and the Darro valley. Predominantly pine forests are dotted with cedars, wild olive trees, broom, gorse, wild thyme, rosemary, hawthorn and flax-leaved daphnes.

A signal announces that you have arrived at the Maúllo trench [2]. The solid walls, the methodical layout and the strategic location are impressive. The Maúllo trench has a series of observation and firing positions, a



machine-gun nest, a command post, a wall, a dug-out shelter in the rear and trenches and corridors linking the various functional spaces. They were defensive constructions, for surveillance and control of the mountain passes and paths. From the Maúllo onwards, the journey becomes more solemn, more thoughtful, more conscious.

The Barranco de la Umbría Ravine

Go back 700 metres and, looking to the right for the main path [3], we leave the Cerro del Maúllo path. At the junction, head east and stay on the lane for 1400 metres. At the beginning of a sharp bend, to your left, a signposted path goes up the Barranco de la Umbría ravine [4] in search of the Collado de Vínzar [5] hilltop. In this humid and fertile ravine of black pines and abundant scrubland, Spanish firs grow up to a height of more than 15 metres.



Karstic landscape

From the hilltop, the landscape opens to the west. Here, shrubs are denser and plusher to withstand exposure to cold and wind. The Cruz de Vínzar cross is on the left. And in front of it, like milky, wrinkled fingers, limestone spurs rise through the vegetation, reminding us of the karstic nature of these sierras. Karstic relief is generated by the dissolving action of slightly acidic rainwater on limestone rock. The Cueva del Agua cave [6], through the vicinity of which we pass in 1600 metres, is another element of the karstic landscape. From there, the path goes downhill.



The trail reaches a track at the signpost for the start of the Cueva del Agua path. Turn left and, after 350 metres, the trail turns right as marked. The path then enters the forest, crosses a new lane perpendicularly and leads to military position 108, where the Nívar vanguard had its position: in the Sierra de la Yedra trench [7]. This and the next trench, the Llanos del Fraile [8] trench, face north, towards the valley of the Bermejo River, whose reddish tones contrast with the whitish grey of the surrounding rocks. Pay attention to the signposts, as it is easy to miss the access to the trenches.



At the next junction [9], continue in the right-hand lane; a chain prevents vehicles from passing. We descend towards the Barranco del Polvorite ravine. The Cerro del Púlpito hills stands out on the left. The Fuente de la Teja [10] is found at the foot of the ravine; actually there are two fountains, one on each side of the riverbed. After this refreshing break, you'll descend 700 metres along the track and take the path that goes off to the right in search of the Las Veguillas trench [11]. This position of the front line overlooks the course of the Darro river and one of the passes into the Sierra de Huétor range.

After 4 kilometres, you'll reach the meeting point with the main path, near the deviation to the Collado de Vínzar [4]; then, take the track to the left and remain on it until we return to Puerto Lobo.

Trail

Itinerario de las Trincheras



- Itinerario de las Trincheras Trail
- Other trails of the natural park
- Motorway
- Road
- Path
- Livestock Track
- Natural park boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Singular groves
- Singular trees

- Landmark (see text)
- Visitor's Centre
- Trail
- Recreational area
- Interpretive panel
- Viewpoint
- Fountain
- Site of ethnological interest
- Georesources
- Cave
- Parking
- Spring
- Panoramic views
- Botanical trail
- Observatory